

HB 784– Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging Testimony before House Environment and Transportation Committee February 16, 2021

Position: Favorable

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the committee, my name is Michael Loll, and I represent the 700+ members of Indivisible Howard County. We are providing written testimony today in <u>strong support of HB 784</u> to incentivize the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment in new residential construction.

General Motors recently announced that it would be making EVs exclusively by 2035. Shell Oil has declared that its production has peaked. It is clear that an electric revolution is coming in transportation. Maryland has a long track record of incentivizing citizens to purchase EVs, and it only makes sense that the state should encourage the installation of equipment to charge the EVs it has encouraged people to buy. In addition, housing built today will last well into this new future, it would be prudent, as well as cost effective, to provide homeowners with an option for installing chargers in new homes they plan to buy.

Thank you for your time and attention.

We encourage a favorable report.

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